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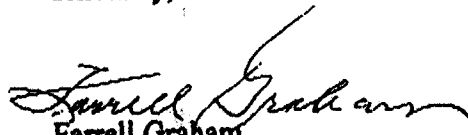
Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I was pleased to hear the Department of Justice reached a settlement in its case against Microsoft. I believe this case went on for too long and I am confident there are many people who share this sentiment. Microsoft is a great company whose positive impact is felt in the economy, the personal and professional lives of the public, and the Information Technology (IT) industry on a whole. With the economy in a state of recession, it is in everyone's best interest if the States ceased litigation against Microsoft.

Those who remain in opposition to Microsoft would like to give the impression Microsoft got off easy in this settlement. This is not the case. The terms of the settlement are fair and acceptable to Microsoft, yet several States continue to pursue litigation. Microsoft's compliance is far-reaching. They agreed to broad terms extending to products and technologies not even found to be unlawful, such as disclosing intellectual property for the greater good. This is an effort to bring this matter to an end sooner and give Microsoft the chance to get back to what they do best--create new products and services. This aids the US economy and the reformed stability of the IT industry in more ways than direct Microsoft financial settlements with individual States.

I am grateful for this period of public comment provided under the Tunney Act and I trust this avenue will help your office realize how strongly the public feels about this issue.

Sincerely,


Farrell Graham